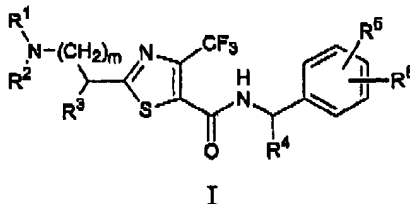


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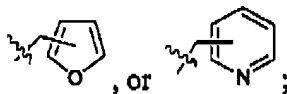
## Amendments to the claims

1. (original) A compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2-4</sub>N(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2-4</sub>OC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,



R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2-4</sub>OC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

or where R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> taken together are -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>XCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, where X is a chemical bond, CH<sub>2</sub>, CHOH, NH, NCH<sub>3</sub>, NCOCH<sub>3</sub>, O, or S;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or hydroxy, provided that where R<sup>3</sup> is hydroxy, m is not 0;

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxymethyl, or trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-2</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-2</sub>perfluoroalkoxy, -N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, N-morpholinyl, or pyridyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy;

m is 0 or 1.

2. (original) A compound of claim 1 where R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen and m is 1.

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3. (original) A compound of claim 2 where R<sup>4</sup> is methyl.

4. (original) A compound of claim 3 selected from the following group:

2-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

N-[1-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethyl]-2-[2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(2-furanylmethyl)methylamino]ethyl]-N-[(1S)-1-[3-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(2-furanylmethyl)methylamino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(2-furanylmethyl)methylamino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

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2-[2-[ethyl(4-pyridinylmethyl)amino]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(4-thiomorpholinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]methylamino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]methylamino]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

N-[1-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethyl]-2-[2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

N-[(1S)-1-[3-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-2-[2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

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2-[2-(4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)propylamino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)propylamino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)propylamino]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-N-[(1S)-1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-N-[(1S)-1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(1-ethylpropyl)amino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(1-ethylpropyl)amino]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(2-furanylmethyl)amino]ethyl]-N-[(1S)-1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(cyclopentylamino)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

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2-[2-(cyclopentylamino)ethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]ethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

N-[1-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethyl]-2-[2-(4-thiomorpholinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]methylamino]ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide; and

2-[2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)ethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide.

5. (original) A compound of claim 1 where R<sup>3</sup> is hydroxy and m is 1.

6. (original) A compound of claim 5 where R<sup>4</sup> is methyl.

7. (original) A compound of claim 6 selected from the following group:

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

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2-[1-hydroxy-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(2-furanylmethyl)methylamino]-1-hydroxyethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)propylamino]-1-hydroxyethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(diethylamino)-1-hydroxyethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-(diethylamino)-1-hydroxyethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)ethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)ethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

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2-[1-hydroxy-2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

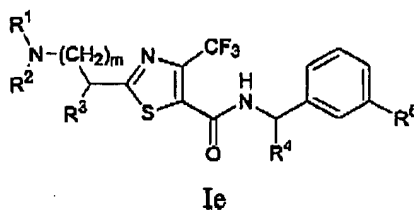
N-[1-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethyl]-2-[1-hydroxy-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[1-hydroxy-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-N-[(1*S*)-1-[3-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide;

2-[2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)propylamino]-1-hydroxyethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide; and

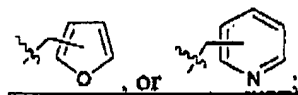
2-[2-(4-acetyl-1-piperazinyl)-1-hydroxyethyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]-5-thiazolecarboxamide.

8. (currently amended) A compound of ~~claim 1~~ where the structure is that of Formula Ie.



wherein

$R^1$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl,  $-(CH_2)_{1-4}C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl,  $-(CH_2)_{2-4}N(C_{1-6}alkyl)_2$ ,  $-(CH_2)_{2-4}OC_{1-6}alkyl$ ,



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R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2-4</sub>OC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

or where R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> taken together are -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>XCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, where X is a chemical bond, CH<sub>2</sub>, CHOH, NH, NCH<sub>3</sub>, NCOCH<sub>3</sub>, O, or S;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or hydroxy, provided that where R<sup>3</sup> is hydroxy, m is not 0;

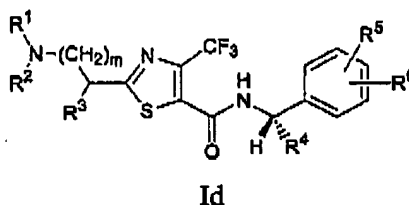
R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxymethyl, or trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-2</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-2</sub>perfluoroalkoxy, -N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, N-morpholinyl, or pyridyl; and

m is 0 or 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

9. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1 where R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, and R<sup>6</sup> are as defined in claim 1 and the structure has the stereochemical configuration of Formula Id.



10. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Formula I and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (currently amended) A method for the treatment of ~~disorders responsive to opening of the KCNQ potassium channels in a mammal in need thereof, epilepsy~~ which comprises administering to ~~said a~~ mammal a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.



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12. (cancelled).

13. (cancelled).

14. (cancelled).

15. (cancelled).

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